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Author Leigh Roethke will discuss her debut book Minnesota's Capitol

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Leigh Roethke, an author and doctoral student in art history at the University of Minnesota, will discuss her debut book *Minnesota's Capitol: A Centennial Story* at the UMC Bookstore located in the student center on the UMC campus at 2900 University Avenue, on Saturday, November 19 at 10:30 a.m.

Roethke's book delivers an educational and entertaining look at the house Minnesota built—a structure that was the pride of our state and the envy of the nation when it opened in 1905. For one hundred years the Capitol has been the hub of government and an enduring symbol for our state. Through lively historical narratives, plentiful pictures and creative activities, learn how the Capitol has endured as the premier symbol of progress and celebration for all Minnesotans.

UMC has a special connection to the Minnesota Capitol by means of a gift from alumni early in the school's history. The class of 1915 from the Northwest School of Agriculture (NWSA), UMC's predecessor, gave a print of a painting that hangs in the Capitol and is featured in Roethke's book entitled "The Source of the Mississippi" by Edwin Blashfield. The print in its original frame will be on display in the Bookstore during the visit by Roethke. This event is a part of a year-long celebration of the centennial of UMC. Classes at the NWSA began in the fall of 1905 the same year as the Minnesota Capitol opened.

Roethke will sign copies of her book following the discussion. This event is free and open to the public.

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